

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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ENDANGERED HERBS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken a decision to free all varieties of herbs from forests across the country for exports;
- (b) if so, the extent to which this decision is likely to boost the export of herbs;
- (c) whether any list of herbs in the country has been declared threatened under the World Conservation International Red List of Endanger Plants; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)&(d) According to the 1997 International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Plants, 1236 plants species from India are listed under threatened category.